

The specification is amended to add a cross reference to the U.S. and international patent applications.

Additionally, the specification is amended to include the above-referenced SEQUENCE LISTING, and the SEQUENCE LISTING is being filed to conform the above-referenced application to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 - 1.825. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), a copy of the above-submitted SEQUENCE LISTING in ASCII computer readable form can be obtained from International Patent Application No. PCT/US99/25079. It is respectfully submitted that the contents of the paper version of the SEQUENCE LISTING being submitted herewith is the same as the computer readable form. It is further submitted that the paper copy of the SEQUENCE LISTING does not represent new matter.

Claims 14-29 having been canceled, the pending claims are claims 1-13 and 30-38. The amendment is made to decrease the number of claims and not for any reason related to patentability. Thus, this amendment does not limit the scope of equivalents for the claims. Additionally, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in subsequent continuing application(s).

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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When the Examiner takes this application up for the first Office Action, consideration of these amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

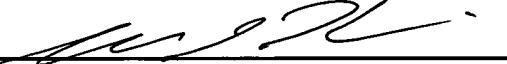
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